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 Applicant is respectfully requested to provide which of new claims 8-16 are readable on the elected species of Fig. 1 since any indication of allowability for independent claims 1 and 4 has not yet been set forth.

- Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, Applicant is given
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on (571) 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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